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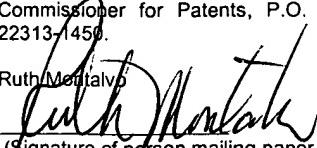
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005 (herein referred to as "the Office Action" or "this Office Action").

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this paper.**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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